

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3957**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018 /PHALGUNA 29, 1939 (SAKA)**

**WEATHER GEAR FOR ITBP**

**3957. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) personnel deployed at posts higher than 9,000 ft. will now get the same weather gear that is provided to Army jawans posted on the Siachen glacier;**

**(b) whether such clothing and equipment were made available only to ITBP personnel deployed at posts higher than 11,000 ft.;**

**(c) whether the announcement would practically cover about 80 percent of the force as most ITBP deployments are at an altitude of more than 9,000 ft.; and**

**(d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

**(a) and (b): ITBP Personnel are provided with Special Clothing & Mountaineering Equipment (SCME) and Extreme Cold Clothing & Equipment (ECC&E) as per operational requirement assessed from time to time. Special Clothing & Mountaineering Equipment (SCME) has been provided to ITBP Personnel deployed above 11,000 feet whereas Extreme Cold Clothing & Equipment (ECC&E) have been provided to the Personnel**

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**deployed above the height of 6,000 feet in Uttarakhand, Himachal, Jammu & Kashmir and above 9000 feet in North-East region. SCME have been sanctioned to all other Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) deployed at posts higher than 11,000 feet.**

**(c) and (d): The detail of ITBP Personnel deployed at altitude of more than 9,000 feet is as under:**

Total Posted Strength	No. of ITBP Personnel deployed at altitude more than 9,000 feet	Percentage
81761	14721	18%

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